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T. SERCOMBE SMITH, Hon. Sec. to Provisional Committee of St. George's Ball. Hongkong, 18th December, 1806.

ST. GEORGE'S BALL

A T a MEETING of the MEMBERS of former Committees of ST. GEORGE'S BALL held at Government House on the 4th instant it was decided to hold a ST, GEORGE'S BALL on the 22nd January, 1897, if a sufficient

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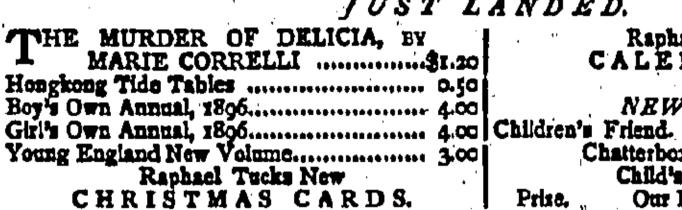
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WM. MACBEAN, Manager.

THE STRAITS INSURANCE CO., LD. Hongkong, 10th December, 1806.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM INGRAM STEWART, SUGAR BOILER, BOWRINGTON SUGAR REFINERY, LATE OF VICTORIA, IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG, DECEASED.

NTOTICE is hereby given that His Honour JOHN WORRELL CARRINGTON, C.M.G.. D.C.L., LL.D., Chief Justice, has, by wirtue of Section 3 of Ordinance No. 9 of 1870, made an Order limiting to the 1st February, 1897, the time for sending in CLAIMS against the said

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Dated the 14th December, 1896. J. W. NORTON KYSHE, Registrar

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1896.

NOTES AND COMMENTS. We publish to-day a Reuter's message stating that Baron DE COURCEL, the French Ambassador at the Court of St. James, has resigned. The prime reason given for his action is stated to be the Baron's inability to arrive at a satisfactory solution of the difficulties, both great and small, at present existing between Great Britain and France. What great difficulties have caused friction between Lord Salisbury and the representative of in bells Brance is not stated in the message, and we can therefore only guess what all the trouble is about. France-has-been-nagging at England for years, and failing to bring about "strained relations" as the immediate result of her objections to the British occupation of Egypt, she has time and again sought to cause a rupture of diplomatic relations in respect of Siam, Madagascar, the Tonkin-China West River, spheres of influence Africa, and finally in no the reform of the corrupt system of government in

frontier, the proposed opening of the vogue in Turkey. All her attempts to induce us to let loose the dogs of war having failed, she has, it appears, used excessive pressure on some question (probably in connection with the advance by Great Britain of £500,000 to the Egyptian Government to meet the expenses of the Dongola Expedition which it was originally proposed to draw from the Dette de la Caisse and would have been so obtained but for the opposition of the French Government), and has made such unreasonable demands that the British Government have had no option but to politely decline to make any further concession to our aggressive and restless neighbour.

At times during the past decade the British Government have stretched the good old policy of "peace with honour" to such an extent in their endeavour to avoid an appeal to the abitrament of arms that doubts have been expressed as to the wisdom of such a course, and it has even been hinted by some of the leading London dailies that although we have avoided war with France yet it has been at the cost of our honour and our dignity as a Great Power. Everything within the bounds of reason and common sense has been conceded to France in the hope of avoiding war; to avoid the danger of bringing about a great war in Europe, with its attendant horrors and injury to [higation.] trade. We have eaten humble pie very often but all to no purpose, and now towards the close of the 19th century, when our gracious Sovereign is about to celebrate 437 in a fitting manner the longest and most beneficent reign recorded in the annals of the history of Great Britain, we find, to our regret, that courtesy has been mistaken for cowardice, that the assertion of honest intentions has been reckoned as cunning and duplicity, that we are regarded as a stumblingblock to the expansion of French colonial possessions and that, in fine, John Buzz is a perfidious monster, who has been too long permitted to travel and flourish on his reputation. Year, a Consulate will be established in Slam.

We are rejuctant to believe if but it seems almost certain that France is itching to be up and at us.

Surely, there are yet left some levelheaded statesmen in France who can be depended on to use their influence to bring about a settlement of all questions that may now be at issue, providing the maintenance of peace would not entail disastrous revolution in France. The monarchists have been gaining strength IT is notified by advertisement in this issue that steadly for years past and it is just possible that to divert the attention of the masses from home politics the navigators of the French ship of state are desirous of waging a popular war-a war with England! That such a war would be as popular on our side of the Channel as in France we doubt not; but that is not the question. What we have to consider is, should we be left to fight our battles with France alone, or would Russia chip in? We are inclined to think that Russia will not expend a cent in assisting France desires the Directors to appoint a properly qualiagainst England; that the latter is the mere cat's-paw of Russia, and that the rest of the really Great Powers of Europe can be counted on to refrain from ... joining in the issue. Germany would, of course, be a vary interested spectator, for, whatever the result, it would mean to her absolute security against any attempt on the part of France to recover Alsace and Lorraine for many a long year. With the position and feeling of the other Powers and the possible effect of such a war on Far Eastern affairs we are not yet concerned. 'Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof," and we desire therefore to await some product of the jules of the grape and are not | developments before dealing exhaustively with the situation as it is, not as we would like to have it.

We note that our contemporary the Daily Press refers in its leading article of this morning to the war with China of 1841-2 and to the unjust accusations so frequently made in connection therewith against Great Britain and against British policy, especially in connection with opium. In dipping into Dr. MARTIN'S book, "A Cycle of Cathay," received by the last mail, we dropped, almost at the very beginning of the book on the most lucid, the most accurate, and, to an English mind, the most satisfactory statement of the position in 1839 and of the causes that led up to and justified that war that it has ever been our good fortune to come across. We publish an extract from his book in another column. Coming from an American, a missionary and a man whose abilities are so widely known and whose knowledge of China and Chinese affairs is so great, it ought to be deemed conclusive and afford to all Englishmen who are put on their defence on the subject a perfectly satisfactory reply to all objections. If the rest of Dr MARTIN's book is as good as the sample we have taken from the bulk, his volume is a most valuable contribution towards the history of the last sixty years in China and will throw very considerable light on most of the moot points in the various controversies that have raged from time to

#### time on the subject, TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

RESIGNATION OF THE FRENCH - AMBASSADOR TO LONDON.

LONDON, December 17th. Baron de Courcel. French Ambassador London, has resigned, chiefly because he discouraged at the difficulty of arriving at an solution of the difficulties, both great and small at present existing between Great Britain an

EARTHQUAKE IN ENGLAND. A sharp shock of earthquake has occurred in the central, southern, and western counties England, also in the suburbs of London. The most serious effects of the shock are noticeable at Hereford, where the cathedral, railway station and many houses were damaged.

- AT LAST! Lord George Hamilton, speaking at Haling, said it was strongly probable that a satisfactory settlement would shortly be reached, stopping Turkish misrule.

(From Bangkok Observer.) THE EGYPTIAN ARMY. LONDON. November 27th The Egyptain Army is to be increased four battalions of infantry, two squadrons of

THE PLAGUE IN INDIA. LONDON, November 27th

cavalry, and a battery of artillery.

The plague is increasing in Bombay. TURKEY'S DEBTS. LONDON December 4th

An agreement has been concluded with france and Russis, on the representation o Russia, by the Council of the Ottoman debt. HOW FUNNY

LONDON. December 4th.

The French press regard the decision of the Court at Alexandria as a rebuff to England and rink. a triumph for France. (Seeing that England stepped forward and financed the Dongola expedition for Egypt we fall to see where the triumph comes in. As a matter of fact, the French, unwittingly of course,

LOCAL AND GENERAL H.M.S. Immortalite arrived here this morning

from Nagasaki. THE German coulser Irens arrived here the afternoon from the north.

THE A. D. C. performance of "Charley's Aunt

at the Theatre Royal to-night. H.M.S. Centurion will probably arrive fiere to-morrow or on Monday from Singapore. IM addition to the establishment of Japanese

Legations at Hawaii, Mexico, and Brazil mext

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in he rope to that the december given in the Charles Man always, collisions case at Shingbut the ot'er day, will be appealed sgainst.

THE meeting of the Legislative Council adjourned from the 14th instant till Monday the 21st has been postponed until Monday, 28th inst.,

the local insurance offices will be closed, for Christman holidays, on Friday and Saturday next, the 25th and 26th inst. THE funeral of the lukong, who was drowned through the collision on Thursday morning, took

place yesterday. There was a good attendance of Chinese constables at the ceremony. MEETING is to be held in the Tung Wah Hospital at noon to-morrow in accordance with the wishes of His Excellency the Governor, who

fied House Surgeon. THE Mission steam-launch Day Spring will call alongside any vessel hoisting the answering pennant, between 9 and 10.30 a.m. on Sunday to convey men ashore to the II o'clock service, | ject, praising the patriotism and generosity of returning about 12.30 p.m.

THE Band of the West York Regiment will play A STORY is whispered in the North, says the the following programme at the Officers' Mess te-morrow, commencing at 12.30:--

WE are glad to see that work has at last been started on the fallen verandahs of No. 15, Prays Central, which had been left untouched, after the erection of a scaffolding blocking the sidewalk and a considerable portion of the road, since August last.

THE flourishing suburb of Kowloon is becoming quite a cyclists' resort, every afternoon several journeying across by the Star Ferry, taking their machines with them to enjoy a spin on the good flat roads in preference to bill-c'imbing in Hongkong.

WE are informed that only the five-inch gun mountings have been placed on the Empress, one being on the forecastle and the other on the poop. The broadside mountings have not been fitted, as they would interfere with the passengers' promensile.

ONCE again we are able to note a change in the appearance of the Tomar . Her roof is being planked and her stern flag-staff has been erected Really, if things continue at this unaccustomed rate we may expect to see her completed by the end of the present century.

that it is the intention of the Directors of the Purion Mining Co. to declare a dividend of 48 It is certainly amusing to see our dear neighcents per share (for four years) on the Co.'s preference shares, and a first dividend of 20 cents | Knapp, who willes a tirade in L'Avente, assumper share on the ordinary shares. SEVERAL British firms are said to be sending

out representatives to India to prorecute Indian firms, mostly natives. Mr. A. L. Harvey, representing the Edinburgh Chamber of Com. friend "Video," who svers that the English are merce, is now on a tour through India collecting | very jealous because French engineers have been Information in connection with whisky frauds | engaged to re-organise the Arsenal at Foochow, in Calcutta. AM order was Issued by Mr. May, Captain Superintendent of Pplice, that the members

the Fire Brigade, when off duty, should stay in

barracks from 6 p.m. illi 6 a.m. This order

caused a good deal of comment in and out o

the Force, and it is satisfactory to learn that i

has now been revoked. FROM Formosa we learn that everything going along quietly; frade is resuming its usua channels, most of the rebel chiefs have tendered their submission, and those that are still at large are likely to be rendered harmless in the nest future, as the Japanese commanders know a

about them and have driven them well faland.

WITH the promotion of Wu Ting-lang (Ng to Hankow, and to make the ralls, bridges, and Choy) to be Minister abroad, his post of Director of the Tientsin Technical College, opened two years ago, it is reported, will be given to an expectant Tantai named Wang, a chinshih in runk and a man of progressive tendencies, and bitherto Vice-Director of the Tientsin Naval Academy.

LATEST news from Borneo is to the effect tha the "war" against Mat Saleh is at an end, the Government forces having falled to draw the wary bushranger into deadly combat. A few Mat Saleh's followers have been "bagged" and brought to Saudakan, but the much wanted chief has successfully evaded capture and may therefore give the authorities a good of troub! before he is properly "pacified."

THERE was a very interesting trick bicycle competition at the Skating Rink last night. Measure. A CORDESPONDENT of the Peterburgskiya C. S. Klinck and E. Levy went through some Viedimosti writes from Korea that great satisastonishing manœuvres, but it was soon seen faction was felt there at the reception of the that the latter was the better man of the two | Korean Embassy in Moscow and St. Petersburg. and the gold medal was therefore awarded him, and that, although Russia refused the request A weight-lifting contest, a masquerade, and a for a battalion of Siberian troops to protect the mile race on bicycles are the attractions now King and Government, the question of military

MR. ERICH GEORG reports that there has been very little doing in the share market this week and there are therefore very few changes in: quotations. He states that Bell's Asbestos remains under the segis of the Russian shares (fully pald-up) have been sold at \$5, and that the scrip on which 17/6 has been paid are wanted at \$4. It is further stated in his Weekly Share List that the usual \$5 per share shares of Canton Insurance Office will be pay- but it cannot yet compete with the English able on and proximo.

WE understand that at the private meeting of and the Korean Government answers the claims shareholders in Dakin, Cruickshank & Co. the of the Japanese authorities by stating that it day before yesterday an offer was made for the declines all responsibility for the salely of property as a going concern, and this will have to be submitted to the extraordinary general Russian official influence is supreme, but the meeting to be held at an early date for the correspondent complains that all the practical purpose of confirming the resolution to wind up the concern. It is said that the terms of the offer are such as to allow of a raturn of about 74 cente per abate to be made to Marcheldery.

Fits Massifency the Governor has kindly consouted to prestde at a mean, g, in the City Hall, el inbiciberr in a St. George's Ball, which has been convented for Monday nego, at 6 p.m.

The citity rickers unissues less, consider to Inspector Witchell's crusade, been virtually abolished, and now the majority of the vehicles look very trim and clean. Smart white wheels, with red or blue lines, bright green spinsh boards and newly covered cushions show that the Inspector has brought the coolies and ricksha owners to a sense of the Importance of cleanliness, and we hope that the new order of things will long continue. The chairs, too, have had a much-needed overhaul, and are now bright with new paint, while the dilapidated chairs have been repaired and brought to something like a decent appearance.

THUS the N. C. Daily News :- A large number of merchants and traders at Canton have conscated to pay extra likin on all goods passing through their hands, such additional sums to be devoted to building extra forts at Human, or Tiger Gate, at the entrance to the Canton river, and round and about the vicinity of the city itself. Extra goos of the largest callbre are also to be bought from abroad from the proceeds obtained by the imposition of the above additional likin. The Likin Bureau of Canton has already issued proclamations on the above subthe people of Canton.

N. C. Dally News, illustrative of the tension in the capital at the present time. While H. E. Li was absent on his mission, Sheng Taotal, it is said, sent in a memorial to the Throne denouncing his former patron. When Li returned, he of course got a copy of it, and when Sheng came to call on him-the story goes-Li said to him : 'You're a nice fellow | I made you what you are, and when my back is turned, you denounce me to the Throne," Sheng at once denied the impeachment, on which Li, drawing the copy of the memorial from his boot, held it up before Sheng and then, slapping him on both cheeks with it, drove him from his presence,-Sheng evidently has some very warm friends in the celestial capital !

In the German Consular Court at Yokohama a case was heard the other day in which Mr. Vollbehr, assistant at the Normal Dispensary, sued Mr. P. Vauller for libel. In the fire which occurred at No. 77 some months ago a collection of postage stamps belonging to the plaintiff was damaged, and defendant was appointed to assess the amount due under the insurance nolicy. Mr. Vantier assessed the demages at a sum considerably below the amount claimed, and subsequently made some remarks in public reflecting on Mr. Vollbehr's character; hence the action. The Court found the libet proved, and held that, although defendant had the right to make a confidential report in assessing damages, he was not justified in making in public the remarks with respect to which the action for libel had been brought. MP. Erich Georg is our authority for stating Judgment was given for plaintiff, and defendant was fined Ico marks, and costs.

bours in Tonquin through the spectacles of M. ing the role of the fabled con gratiang sur un umler. Alas! When will la belle France make the necessary provision for the protection of such unique zoological specimens as our We are told that the Forchow Arsenal, that obsolete French" mechanical toy, is to be once more brought up to date by Frenchmen, and we venture to suppose it will be made to whistle & la sirène if not too indelicately squeezed. No, mon ams, la vielle Albson would never have recommended such a foolish enterprise, either for love or money. Even from the beginning, what has accomplished? What is it doing; and, indeed, what will the Foochow-Arsenal ever accompileh in the interest of China's regeneration? Ries! It is all very well to encourage progress and dvillestion in China; but will the outlay of several millions on a fad like the Foochow Arsenal do any good? Nous verrous ! THE well-informed writer of notes on "The

Situation " in the Peking and Tientsin Times

mays :-- The Peking Government have granted Sheng Taffe permission to start the railway line rolling-stock at his ironworks at Hanyang; also to open up mines along the line, provided he can collect the necessary funds from native sources. In consequence of this Sheng has been busy in trying to establish an Imperial Chinesa Bank : whether he will be able to realise his gigantic schemes without the aid of foreign capital, employed under some form or other, is a problem which the future will solve. For the present the energetic Taotal is already working out estimates for all kinds of railway materials in connection with Mr. Kinder, but in accordance with Chinese custom many enquiries will be made in many different places before his Excellency will be satisfied as to the cheaper cost of the new railway line, and we prophesy that finally the same procedure of business will be followed as formerly with the present existing lines, f.e., public tenders will be invited and merchants from various countries of the West will have an opportunity of tendering.

the boards at Mr. Mark's well managed instructors was settled in favour of the proposal, and a house has already been made ready for Russian officers. Russia has also presented the Koreans with 2,000 Berdan rifles and coc.coc cartridges, and the troops are being gradually re-armed and drilled. The King agent, and his Ministers continue to plunder the State, even to the extent of stealing bottles of wine from the King's table to sell to the Russian sailors. A Russian school on is now managed by a Russian artillery officer. school, which has been in existence much longer. Japanese continue to be murdered by Kornata, foreigners who have not had their passports avdorsed at one of the three open ports. In genesi. benefits of the situation are being reaped by enterprising Americans, Garmans, and French men. One of the members of the Koosan mis-I sion to Russia has stayled behind to receive I Russian education.

few, if any, more popular than the annual dances of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbullders. and their first ball this season, given last night in the City Hall, proved no exception to the rule. Over 400 ladits and gentlemen attended, among whom were noticed Mr. D. Gillies (President of the Institution), Mr. Cantor (Chief Inspector, Royal Naval Dock Yard), officers from the German and Portuguese warships, and military officers. The shipping firms

fessional and commercial circles.

I a.m.

LYSTALLIZACN OF ENGLAREES

The ball-room was not so claborately decorated as usual, but the staircase and reception room were decked in follage, plants, and flowers with splendid effect. A good display of bunting was also used, supplying a capital effect in colours. Besides the various national ensigns, we also noticed all our well-known house-flags, and they went to enhance the tout ensemble considerably. The balcony, testooned and curtained with flags and turnished with lounges, made a most comfortable and pleasant retreat for non-dancers, and the card room, toe, was attractively fitted out. It happened, however, that the accommodation for lovers of a quiet rubber was hardly sufficient to picture. With good music, a good floor, and no | Artillery brought the ball down and the Colts' utmost vigour until after midnight, and an "extra" closed the ball at a few minutes after but the ball was fisted out, when Hubbard

During the evening supper was served in the refreshment room, the catering being very well provided for. The West Yorks Band, under Bandmaster Bentley, supplied the music, and those who are fastidious in this respect mentioned, were some interesting photographs at once interesting and appropriate to the occasion. To Mr. Gillies, the worthy President. Mr. W. K. Wyllie, Hon Secretary, and the members of the various committees congratuls crowned their labours and so well maintained following were the committees for the ball :-

Dance ........ Mesers. Main & Bain. Main, Winterburn, Duncan & Kyles, Ramany, Macdonald, Cousins & Bridger Altken, Cousins, Kyles & Main, Card Room Macdonald & Cousins. Chak Rooms .. Ramsay & Winterburn. ...

Hon. Sec. ..... Mr. W. K. Wylle, The programme of dances was as follows :s-Lancers 8-Lancers o-Waltz e---Waltz 3-Quadrillo to-Bightsome Reel

4—Polka re-Highland Schottische z-Caledoniana re-Lancers 6-Waltz 13-Waltz 7-Flowers of Edinburgh 14-Barn Danco

ROREA.

(From our own Correspondent.)

SKOUL, November 30th. Russia is gradually recuring a firm footbold in the peninsula. A few weeks ago a number of Russian military officers arrived to drill the Korean army. Amongst these were ten noncommissioned officers (the number to be Increased in the near future), who occupy quarters within the enclosure of the new palace. These, we believe, are to act as a sort of body-guard to the King, who will doubtless soon leave the Russian Legation and occupy the newly built palace in the foreign settlement of the capital. Russians have also received several concessions, one of which is the cutting of timber In the north and on Dagelet Island, off the east coast of Korea. The correspondents of the Japanese papers are for once right in saying that there is widespread murmuring amongst the Koreans on account of this concession, for the natives are very jealous of certain rights and this is one of them, for it seems like giving away a part of their State. I am inclined to think, however, that this concession will not be used so much for the cutting of timber as for making a good survey of those parts of the country for use; if necessary, by the naval and military authorities. I need not speak of the that :advantage of having a good map of the northern part of Korea in case of war, but it may be well to remind your readers that Dagelet Island is off I "opium war "; conveying an impression that it the east central coast and quite close to Japan, as well as to the mainland, the only disadvantage as a naval station being that the harbour is rather deep and not sufficiently sheltered. That this place should be chosen simply for its timber is incredible.

THE FARCE OF INDEPENDENCE.

The lo-called Independence Party is now in power, and consequently there is a good deal of sentimental talk about the independence of Kores There has been no such thing as Korean independence for the last fourteen centuries and there can be no such thing now. I am quite aware that many persons will disagres with me when I say that Korea is not independent, for Mr. Wacher says that it is, and a number of people try to persuade themselves that he is right. I doubt very much, however, if they really believe it. There certainly can be no Korean independence until the Korean character changes. At present the height of every Korean's ambilion is to bold otics of some kind, regardless whether the Russians or the Chinese are his masters.

THE JAPANESE MINISTER.

We hope that the report of Mr. Olshif coming as Japanese Minister to the Korean Court is without foundation. He was here for some time a few years ago and gained an uncaviable the Yuensan bean case. If he does come I fear that Mr. Wacber will not have the smooth path over which he new travels. We also hear that the restrictions against Japanese coming to Korea have been removed. This is much to be regretied, for we fear that Korea will again be used as a field for the socks to wipe out his country's disgrace in his own peculiar fashion.

THE CHINESE RECOVERY. the Circum merchant, -N. C. Dally News, | lacteries,

This matth was prayed yourseley afternoon at Happy Valley, the Colts, as usual, arriving on the scene filtern minutes behind time. The Artillery did not grow!, however, as everyone knows that foals and colls are skittish, and attracted by anything that takes their juvenile fancy on the road. The teams were composed as follows: -- COLTS .-- R. F. Lammert, goal; W. A. Stopani and N. Gonsalves, backs; P. Hyndmann, F. H. Kew, and R. Henderson, halves : J. A. Logan, J. M. E. de Carvalho, were all well represented, as also were the pro- H. A. Setb, W. Gidley, and J. H. Gubbins forwards. ROYAL ARTILLERY.—Col. Woods, goal; Gr. Donnoghue, and Bdr. Salter, backs : G. Phipps, Gr. Hubbard and Bdr. Cotter, halves Gr. Devilo, Tor. Adams, Gr. Sutherland, Gr. Trainer and Gr. Turner, forwards.

The Clots elected to play against the wind during the first balf, and the Artillery kicked off and quickly brought the ball to the Colts' exclaimed buh-keo-pen ! But the two nation they gained a corner, which Adams con- of the written character. verted neatly. Immediately after the kickoff, the ball was again brought to the Colts' goal, and, after a little fast work in front of it, a shot was made which presed over the bar The goal-kick did no good, however, as the meet the demands of players. During the dances | Artillery got on the ball again, brought it down the ball-room presented a very pretty scene, the | and Hubbard shot and scored, "Fris" muffing ladies' costumes in many instances being sich | the shot badly. The Colts then livened up a bit and handsome, and the uniforms of the naval and land play became general, Logan shooting at the military officers lent additional brightness to the Artillery goal with no result, after which the lack of partners, dancing was carried on with the | goal was narrowly saved by its custodian. Again the R.A.'s tried to force the goal. got the ball again, and, dribbile, up quickly, was easily able to score owing to the keeper leaving his goal to rush him. Hall-time was called shortly after this. the scores standing, he a neutral zone of forty !!-- troops of neither Artillery 3 goals, Colts wfl.

On play being resumed the Artillery rushed lowing to China's Inborn contempt for the certainly had no cause for complaint last | the ball up and Flubbard scored the fourth | foreigner and for international agreements, both night, warm praise being generally expressed | goal for the Artillery. The Colts then got away | to the east and west of Wel-hal Chinese troops for the manner in which the musicians with the ball and Seth missed a long shot at were located well within the neutral zone. But did their work. The badge of membership, a the Artillery goal. They managed to keep the to this, we understand, Japan naturally objected little tri-coloured bow, was worn by many of game well in the vicinity of their opponents! And not without success. For on this recent the gentlemen, and the Officers all worn their | goal for a short time, when the Artillery made | Journey I passed through both these places and badges. Among the decriations, it may be a rush and brought the ball away and, found that the Chinese troops were no longer lafter some fast play on both sides, there. of steamships and models of vessels, which were Devlin shot and scored, the Colt's goalkeeper again being to blame. some general play up and down the field Gonsalves shot for the Artillery goal and missed and the Artillery taking the ball down from the tions are due for the thorough success that | goal-kick managed to secure a corner after several attempts at the goal and this being well the popularity of "The Engineers' Ball," The placed was converted by Davlin. The Artillery had two more tries for the Colts' goal, when the whistle blew for time, the scores standing-Attillery 6 goals, Colts will.

On Monday afternoon, at Happy Valley, the Hougkong-Football Club will play the Royal Engineers; kick-off at 4.30 p.m.

CRICKET.

The match between Mariled and Single attracted a good deal of attention at the Club ground to-day, but the play was very slow and uninteresting throughout, The Hougkong tions during the afternoon. The following are the scores :--

> MARRIED U BINGLE. SINGLE.

C. W. Gordon, W.Y., c Grimble b McKenzie ....... 4s Bessley, b McKensie..... R. Gillingham, b McKensie.... H. Arthur, R.A., not out R. F. Lammert, b Valllage K. W. Mountey, c McKenzlo b Grimble ............... 33 MARRIED. G. Grimble, & Gerdon ...... 5 Total for y wickets.........187 THE HONGKONG DERBY. Entries for this race closed to-day.

THE TRUTH ABOUT OUR FIRST LITTLE WAR WITH CHINA.

We read in a "Cycle of Far Cathay

. . The conflict that 'put an end to this cowardly policy bears the maledorous name of the was waged by England for the sole purpose of compelling the Chinese to keep an open market for that product of her Indian poppy-fields. Nothing could be more erroneous. Grievances had been accumulating such as self-respecting people cannot endure for ever. "For one hundred and fifty years, up to the year 1842, says Dr. Williams; " a leading grievance was that proclamations were annually issued by the Government accusing foreigners of herrible crimes." In 1816 a British Ambassador had been refused an audience by the Emperor because he declined to do homage by performing the Koto, or Nine Prostrations. In 1834 Lord Napier, British Superintendent of Trade, was not only denied an interview with the Governor of Canton, but his letters were rejected because they were not stamped with the word off (i.e. "petition"), a word which in Chinese expresses abject appealed to arms to prevent violance and vindicate honour, her record would have stood fairer than unhappily it does now. Interest had

roused to action.

WEI-HAI-WEI.

(From our own Correspondent.) WEIHAI, December 7th.

Baron Nichl, for some time past the chie officer of the Japanese garrison at Wel-hal-wel. has been recalled to Japan. We understand he has been promoted to the chief command of a division in the home-land. He is an able and popular officer and he has left the place with the best wishes of many for his future career. Before he left a new General arrived from Japan and was heartily welcomed by the troops.

THE PHRASE OF THE DAY.

In dealing with the Chinese the Japanese soldier has one phrase which answers all purposes -- pun-keo-pen. It is used here on all sides. simply means that a certain sum offered for an article is not sufficient to cover its original cost Of course the Jan picked it up from the Chinese, but he uses it on any occasion. If the article is not worth the money asked it is suh-keo-pen; if i is not worth buying at all it is still buh-keo-ben. Yesterday, owing to the slippery state of the roads from frost and snow, a man slipped down instantly two nessing Chinese coolles laughingly where, after some few minutes! play, alities can communicate pretty freely by means

Some days before the time " fixed " for it is the Imperial almanac there have been some rather heavy falls of snow in this district.

THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION.

Your correspondent has just returned from three weeks' journey among some of the villages and market towns to the W. and S.W. of this place. Not a few Chinese expressed surprise that he was not afraid to live in the same place as those terrib'e Yang-yin. I am afraid it will be many a year before Chinese troops are as well behaved as the feared and hated Japanese. By arrangement between the two Powers Tapanese troops may locate anywhere within forty if of Wel-hal. Beyond this there was to country were to settle there. But until recently,

AN UNFOUNDED RUMOUR.

Some little time ago the natives of the place and neighouthood were all agog with the news that the Japanese were to clear out very shortly. But of course, though very generally believed there was no foundation for the report. It probably, in some inexplicable way, had its origin in the signing of the commercial treaty between the two countries.

CUINA MOVES I

In these parts at least, and even a hundred and filly H from the coast, matches are last taking the place of filmt and steel. The European article has given place to the cheaper and better one " made in Japan." Japanese merchants are travelling here and there in East Shantung to find out the trade wants of the people. Last summer, at two different places, one of which was two hundred II from Wei-hal, we fell in with two or three Japanese merchants. They spoke very Regiment's band played some pleasing selec. little Chinese, but managed to get along. One admired their plack in travelling alone through the very district that a year and half before their victorious countrymen had marched through on their way to Wel-hai. All honour to the push and pluck of these interesting little islanders !

THE MONOTONY OF EXISTENCE.

In staying in country towns in China one is Impressed-well nigh overwhelmed-with the menotonous existence of the people. No postal too, are big flour mills where Frisco wheat dangerous when Napoleon the Third held court | Fracking .........steamer, from Chingkiang system, no telegraph, no railways, newspapers, popular literature-or so much that to most of us seem necessaries of life. And so they drag out an existence as they have done for millenniums past, having no share " in the steamship, in the railway, in the thoughts that shake mankind. But it occurs to me that this tame, even uninteresting, unhopeful existence largely accounts for -two-of-the-chief-vices-of-China-the-use-o opium and gambling. The hold they have and the terrible havor they work can only be known by those who freely move in and out among the people. It may also help to explain the universal liking for gaudy garments. Life is piain and prosaic: they brighten it with-clothes! But it requires a Carlyle to treat on the philosophy of clothes, and I refrain. It surely is but human (not to say Christian) to seek to brighten the lives and give a little hope for the future to some of these our brothers and sisters. For such they are, seek to ignore it as we may.

A DARING THEFT.

What is called "barefaced audacity" was

FOLICE RIFLES STOLEN.

well illustrated at Shanghal on the 4th inst. when a robbery took place that might well be bracketed with the theft of our Supreme Court clock some time ago. The 8 o'clock "sellef" of Sikh policemen was just going on to report for duly at Carter Road, says the China Gazette, when one of the men noticed that the rifle-rack in the half of the building was empty. He supposed, however, that the weapons which are usually kept there had been taken away to be cleaned, and consequently made no remark until about half-an-hour later, when as the result of numerous engulries, it was discovered that the siftes were missing. They have not since been discovered, and there can be no doubt that somewhere between 7.30 and 8 p.m., Henrys, Mark I, and the ammunition is pleasing and animated bustle. The hotels all bear to combine with indignation before she could be to match, the box containing about 1,000 rounds, a nautical cognomens, some affecting the names "Her opportunity, however, came when the the thief, or thiever, left no other sign of their like the Blue Anchor, "Fortune of War." Emperor Tao-kwang despatched a high Com- visit. They must have entered the Police Sta- "Neval Brigade," and so on, Jack who is not and put a stop to the traffic in opium. The walked out boldly again, although there were himself and has a sing-song and good time drug was already contraband by Imperial decree; balf-a-dozen Sikhs in the barrack-room adjacent generally until it p.m., when the inexorable Rogland had made no protest; nor would she to where the riftes had been stacked and five licensing law demands that he shall be turned have lifted a finger to protect her people in their or six interpreters, coolies, mafoon, etc., about, out. Jack as a rule, however, is not particularly smuggling trade if Chinese cruisers had driven the station yard. No clue has been found of the quarrelsome in his cups and the big men in blue. of China, and treated her subjects with unjustifi- busy hunting for a trail. The Police believe the phase. The opium was stored on ships that lay | bandits, who have lately been committing depreriogi of the trade. During the war there was identify them, the Commissioner surrounded the occasion. It is known that quite recently 200 great reloiding, for the Chicese having returned factories with a cordon of soldiers and threatened rifles were, amuggled up from the south and to Cally the trade fell into the hands of the the whole foreign community with death if their passed from Shanghat into the Interior of the Tennicio merchants. The Chinese have long opium was not surrendered by a fixed date. To province, presumably for members of the same since returned and have now more trade than give them an idea of what they had to expect, a gang of highwaymen who have been committing they over had, at the expense of their rivals, native opium-smuggles had shortly before been robberies between Shanghal and Soochow, and This strake volumes for the business abilities of put to death in an open spot in front of the who are now given the credit of having walked ; of Great Britala's commerce. off with the silies from Castes Road.

JOTTINGS ON THE ANTIPODES.

L-MARITIME SYDNEY.

Doubiless many residents in the Far East have at some time or other visited "the Liverpool of Australasia," but seeing and knowing are different things, and, therefore, those who have merely visited the Antipodes and many who have not done so may be interested in this sketch of maritime Sydney and in other jettings that will follow. It is a solecism in the mother city to speak of the scenery of "our beautiful harbour," so I shall confine myself to other matters.

Maritime Sydney soon comes into view after passing the Watson's Bay Lightship and the famous South Head lighthouse. A few miles of pleasant land-flanked voyaging and then Rose Bay, Double Bay, Elizabeth Bay and Woolloomodloo Bay are seen, filled with sailing vessels flying all flags. Some are awaiting orders, other ready for sea, and others, again, deep-laden and with sails unbent, waiting for berths. are here blg . "4-posters" from and Aberdeen or Glasgow smart Yankee wooden ships with tapering spars, old-fashioned Nova Scottamen, Sweder, Norwegians, and Germans and many deep-sea nondescripts.

Off Woolloomooloo Bay and near the shore is Garden Island, the Navy Depôt, covered with great workshops, stores and barracks, often with warships alongside refitting or repairing. In the adjoining pretty Farm Cove, below Government House, and fringed by the Botanical Gardens, are many beautiful yachts moored, and anchor. In the bays on the opposite shore are big ships and mail and tramp steamers, one of the bays being Neutral Bay, where the Austral (Orient line) sank some years ago. around from Farm Cove Circular Quay opens out. Here one comes upon the P. & O., Messageries Maritimes, and Orient liners on the eastern shore, together with some blg clipper sailing ships The southern end of the Quay is devoted to ferry boats, from the fine Manly paddle-wheelers, and the North Shore boats, down to fussy little I winds and the waves of the Channel tugs and launches. The North German Lloyds The Straits of Dover are the very behas its wharf on the western side of the Oury under the shadow of the Sallors' Home and Bethel Church, and the German Co's. what shed is a very pretty structure, with highly | either shore seems enough to obscure the keenest ornamental facade and red tiled roof. The Marine Board, Custom House, Shipping Office, woolstores, brokers, and tug boat offices are all along the Quay in close vicinity to the shipping. Continuing along the Quay, West Dawe's Point, with its boat houses and Rowing Club sheds, is passed, the shore being crowned by an old batter,

After this come numbers of private wharves-Dalgety's (Abordeen" White Star" line), Parbury's Campbells, the E. and A. Co's., C. N. Co's., and also those of all the intercolonial steamship companies, that of the Union S. S. Co. being particularly spacious. At the private wharver are rows upon rows of splendld fron or steel clipper ships and barques from all parts of the world, together with great frozen meat steamers. and others of the tramp genus pure and simple. Here, too, are the wharves of the coastal steamers, and just behind the shipping are huge rows of warehouses and "bonds" many storeys high, towering prominently above which are

the Observatory and private dwellings. About a mile or so over the way is Balmain. with its shipbrokers, yards, slips, etc., where some interesting relics of ship life are seen in the shape of vessels injured in collision or storm. This side also has many snug bays where large fleets of all rigs are tied up, some disabled, some for sale, some repairing or painting, and others in the 'white elephant' stage. The Darling Harbour Bridge connects Sydney with the western suburb of Pyrmont and above the bridge, which opens in the centre, there are yet more seeds of poison. Indeed, the boats, and craft of all kinds and many a time

cool heads are required to avert disaster. The Government wharf at Woolloomoolog Bay, where extensive reclamation works are going on, is also largely used by big steamers. and stores are there fitted with wool-dumping, pressing and other machinery for treating the Golden Fleece before it reaches the home or foreign market.

In the neighbourhood of most of the Sydney whatver, the surroundings, ashore are decided! "shippy." Ontfitters, who display all manner of things from sheath knives to clinking, abound and then there are the hand-me-downs and pawabrokers,' where evidence of maritime vicissitudes is seen in the many second-hand quadrants, chronometers and sextants displayed in the windows, with navigation works, &c. Sailors' boarding houses and hash factories, too, claim Jack's patronage with sea pictures or

model ships in their windows, and the public houses are all more or less of a maritime flavour. Every tailor, butcher, bootmaker or grocer uses the adjective. 4 shipping 11 sign board, to show his solicitude for the

comfort of mariners generally, In Lower George St. near Circular Quay a very fair sample of Rateliffe Highway at the manner of a clergyman, and the cunning of an Anilpodes is seen. English and foreign blue. ape. This terrific creature, says the French lackets, red-coated marines, Frenchmen from the lournalist, roams up and down the world, impelled M. M. boats with red tasselled caps and striped only by the lust of plander and of blood; but he guernseys, P. & O. and Orient quartermasters is happiest when he is robbing the honest in navy rig, silk-capped firemen with pallid Frenchman of his due or cajoling the mild about the matter, which escaped further notice | facer, burly Scandinavians and South Sea boys | mannered Belgian (on the Congo) into the pass by, and the colour element is further exed forfeiture of his ivery. Above all, this shameless out by groups of white frocked Hindoos and hybrid is alert; if the sun never sets on his Africans from the P. & O. liners, and those Empire his eye never closes in sleep; and ever queer fellows with booked noses and makey from beneath his drooping lid he espice some locks who shovel the carbon in the French mall fresh occasion for rule and outrage. To his while Sergeant Culshaw, the officer in charge of ships. Heaps of Chinese are located in this Carter Road, was absent on patrol, some daring | quartier as grocers, general dealers, restaurant inferiority. Either of these indignities—not to thief entered the premises and carried off four keeper, doctors and gambling-den keepers. The enumerate others-might have furnished ground rifles, with bayonets, frogr, belts, pouches and outfitters are on all sides and many windows are for a just war ; and it England had promptly slings complete, as well as the Sergeant's own stocked with curios from abroad. Big shipping carbine from an inner room, and a box of butchers and grocers are sending off goods in ammunition. The rifles are all Martini- Gargantuan quantities and the scene is one of very Nothing else on the premises was disturbed, and 'of steamship companies and others taking titles reputation for his bullying policy in regard to missioner to Canton to fill the office of Viceroy tion in the ordinary way through the gate and going to "the play" here cheerly beinddles them from the coast. But when Commissioner robbers yet, and there is little hope of secovering from the police, station near by, have little Lin issued commands to the Queen as a wassal the missing weapons, although the detectives are I trouble with him. Sometimes, however, an "International" dispute takes place, and the able violence, the question entered upon another robbery was the work of an organised gang of strong arm of the law has to interfere, with the result that some sick and aching ones "face the is widespress discontent among the outside among the islands, but its owners were dations in the country around Shanghal, and music" at the Water Police Court on Monday in Canton. Without taking the trouble to who have been acquiring arms on every possible morning. To the student of the carlous as regards lack ashore these places afford a fine field for observation, so cosmopolitan are the people in the crowd : and of Sydney and its shipping it can be truly said that few if any ports so far from the said countrie can show such unmistakable proof of the growing importance J. B. M.

FRANCE AND ENGLAND. SHAMELESS HYBRID APES EVER SEEKING

FRESH CCCASION FOR RUIN AND CUTRACE.

Once upon a time three Frenchmen, augura all and members of the Academy, sat them down to condemn the island, whose name is vaguely familiar and whose inhabitants they imagine aboriginal savages. "The English," declared the first, in that gally confident tone which is assured by ignorance, "the English are all drunkards." "Yes," murmured the second, completently nodding his head like a Chinese toy," the country of log." The third fiashed a smile of approval upon his colleagues, and for his share of the controversy demanded the assent of an Englishman. "Yes, we are all drunkards," agreed the Englishman, with stout gravity, unwilling to shake their child-like credulty; and instantly the question was brushed aside, as though it had received a final, irrevocable RDSWCY.

Such is the temper wherein we are considered by our next door neighbours, and we shall have a right to resent the heresy when our own judgment of France is clarified. The untravelled Englishman appears to believe that Paris is inhabited by a mob of ruffians, who cultivate loose morals upon a diet of snails; at any rate he persists to regarding his traditional enemy with just outside all the English and foreign warships an unreasoning contempt which the slightest knowledge of the truth would dispel. Insular prejudice on the one hand, continental obstinacy on the other, are ceaseless hindrances to an amicable approach, and, remembering our own misjudgment, we contemplate the fallacles of France in a spirit rather of curiosity than of indignation. In truth, the two countries are separated by something else than the getters of mystery, and though they may be traversed in a brief two hours, the voyage from vision and to tangle the freest intelligence in tho meshes of superstition. And if he who sets out upon the enterprise commonly, returns with a trunk full of falsehoods, what shall be his fate who warms his hatreds at his own fireside? His lack of adventure shall prove a constant stumbling-block to peaceful amenity; he shall sit and mumble in impenetrable ignorance; in age he shall repeat the tales wherewith the old wives beguiled his childhood. And since it is upon our side that the greater number embarks, it is upon theirs that the misunderstanding is the more wilful and desperate.

Paris, then, is suffering most acutely from Anglophobia, and one knows not to what indiscretion the madness will hurry her. The disease, old as history itself, has changed with the centuries, and so long as it sprang from an acknowledged comity it was neither virulent nor incurable. The hatred which incites two combatants of tried courage yields easily to honourable treatment : and even when Joan of Arc died a martyr's death at Rouen, when Calais was scored on Mary's heart, when Marlborough routed the forces of the Great King, the malady was less violent than at this present day, when you must seek its causes in prejudice and catchwords. For how much folly has Albion's imagined perfidy been responsible? And it is the phrase, not the reality, that sows the ships, big ones, both sail and steam, and here, grew as the infection declined, and it was already is unloaded and timber yards where Puget Sound | at the Tuilleries, and the masterpleces of Offen- Halman...... timber is received. Above the bridge is back were whistled upon the Boulevards, Myrmidon .......... the railway goods station, where chilled meat Ridicule was then the rampent symptom, and the Chingping ......... and wool and coal are brought from the country | keenest sufferers were the authors of vandeville right to the ship's side. The water in a place and comic opers. They, in their hallucination, like this harbour of Sydney is alive day and invented a monster such as never was seen, and night with gaily lighted ferry boats, tugs, row | dubbed him an Englishman. He was portentous indeed, this sorry child of darkness and of log. No sunshine sparkled on his dusky youth, and stern vulgarity wrapped round his middle Pakshan ...... for the sourness of his temper, his fancy was loudly expressed in whiskers, red waistcoats, Ideumi Maru ..... box-coats, and buttous big as saucers. He Hiroshima Maru. was an impossible mixture of Pecksniff and little | C. of R. de Janeiro Mr. Bouncer. Not the most grimly hag-ridden | Arratoon Apcar .... country in the world could have produced him ! Hydaspes ........ yet he appeared like as life to a generation of | Sungklang ...... sightseers, and since less than a year ago he | Hanof ..... walked the stage disguised in the trappings of a Germania ........ mediaval herald, it is plain that he still serves Nanyang ...... to void the spicen of the belated Parisian. But the last victims of Anglophobia are at once more dangerous and less amicable. It

the fournalists of Paris that are now most bitterly infected with the hatred of England. In their loudly expressed losthing of the unknown country across the Channel they forget their legitle mate revenge; and they would pretend to fold the German to their breast, as they long since welcomed his beer, if by the pretence they could but another insult upon the loathed island. For them the Englishman is a veritable bogey, a composite monster with the maw of the ostrich. the beak of a hawk, the claws of a tiger, the impious ingenuity no limit is set .- Macmillan. TROUBLE IN A NEWSPAPER OFFICE.

Kons, December 7th. There is trouble in the journalistic fold at Nagasaki now, Mr. Edward Morphy, recently reporter of the Fapan Herald, passed through here a week or two ago on his way south to take over the responsible duties of Editor of The Ristus Sun and Nagasaki Express and Nagasaki Skipping List. Although he carried with him the best wishes of his confrores, his stay at the southern port has not been so free from trouble as his friends expected. Indeed, if what we hear is correct, Mr. Morphy's assumption of editorial duties has been marked by exceptional unpleasantnesses, the new editor having actually been assaulted by the proprietor of the Nagasaki journal. "The case comes on in H.B.M's. Consular Court tomorrow morning we believe. What the cause of the trouble is we cannot at the moment say. Mr. Norman, the proprietor, did some strange things during Mr. Fegen's reign as Editor, and we were reminded of the fact when the Shipping List of the fact 27th November came to hand. That issue contained the following peculiar announcement :---

A SECOND EDITION. Owing to two disgraceful blunders disfiguring the first issue of this paper, the printing of a second has been necessitated. With apologies to subscribers of the "N.S.L." Yours faithfully.

This naturally excited curiosity, but, so far, the only "disgraceful blunders" that we have been able to discover in our contemporary's "first edition " are typographical errors such as occur at more or less rare intervals in almost every newspaper office in China and Japan. We shall doubtless hear in due course if the deplorable unpleasantness which has marred the peace of the lournalistic fold down south is due to the action of the preprietor in inserting a notice reflecting upon the editor of the paper. Possibly it is. Mr. Morphy, in his quiet and harmlessly insinuating way, may have made some remarks to Mr. Norman that that gentleman either could not understand or, understanding, could not exactly relish, and this may have led to an appeal to a blunter weapon than the pen. The upshot will be awaited with Interest. But why cannot Mr. Norman, when he engages a journalist to edit a paper for him leave the conduct of the journal in the employe's hands? Or, if that is impossible, why not alter the imprint to read "A. Norman, Proprietor, Editor-in-Chief, and General Manager. Edward A. So-and-So, Sub-Editor ? "-Herald.

In a copy of the Nagasaks Express received vesterday we find the following :- E. A. Morphy, after a futile attempt to properly edit the "R. S. & N. E." and the "N. S.L. " for about thirty days, niterly failed, and was discharged without notice on Saturday s.m. last. It is also stated that defendant won the case

in the Consular Court. SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS

MAILS DUE : French (Sydney) 22nd inst. Indian (Chunsang) 22nd inst. Tacoma (Olympia) 25th Inst. English (Rosetta) 26th inst. American (City of Paking) 28th inst. Australian (Australian) 20th inst.

Canadian (Bmbress of China) 30th inst.

Australian (Changsha) zet prox.

THE China Navigation Co.'s steamer Changsha, from Australian perts, left Thursday Island yesterday for Manila and this port, and may be expected here on or about the 1st prox.

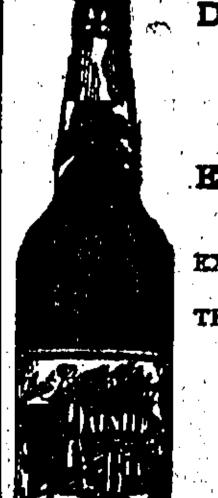
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OUTWARD-17th November-Aslown, Place suev. 20th November - Balmoral, 24th November-Oolone, R. Haabeth Richmers, Senia. 27th November-Formosa, Oscar, 1st December-Helen Richmers, Prometheus, Sydney, 4th December-Frigga, Gloushill, 8th December -Glenfarg, Natal, Rommey, Benglos, 11th December-Tantalus, Glamorganihire, 15th December-Niobe, Bullmouth, Shanghat, Tens Meinich, Riofun Maru. 18th December-Melbourne, Friam, Diomed, Sarpedon, Adour, HOMEWARD-Ith December - Dorothes Richmers, Port Philly. 15th December -- Mantia, Mogul, Ceres.



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JAMES B. DUNCAN. Secretary. Hongkong, 15th December, 1806. THE PUNJOM MINING COMPANY,

LIMITED. TN COMPLIANCE with the wishes of SHARE-HOLDERS, the REGISTER of SHARES In the above COMPANY will remain OPEN till MONDAY next, the 21st instant, and will then be CLOSED until THURSDAY, the gist inst., both days inclusive, during which period ro TRANSFER OF SHARES can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, JAMES B. DUNCAN, Secretary,

Horigkong, 16th December, 1806. CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE,

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents. CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED. Hougkong, 16th Detember, 18c6.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN HEINRICH NORTHMANN, MERCANTILE ASSISTANT, LATE OF VICTORIA, IN THE COLONY OF HONORONG, DECEASED.

TOTICE is hereby given that His Honour JOHN WORRELL CARRINGTON, C.M.G., D.C.L., LL D., Chief Justice, has, by virtue of Section 3 of Ordinance No. 9 of 1870, made an Order limiting to the 15th January, 1897, the time for sending in CLAIMS against the said

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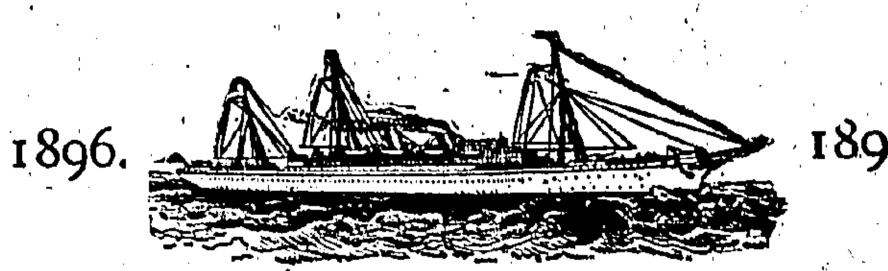
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SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND

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THURSDAY, the 7th January, 1897, at Noon,

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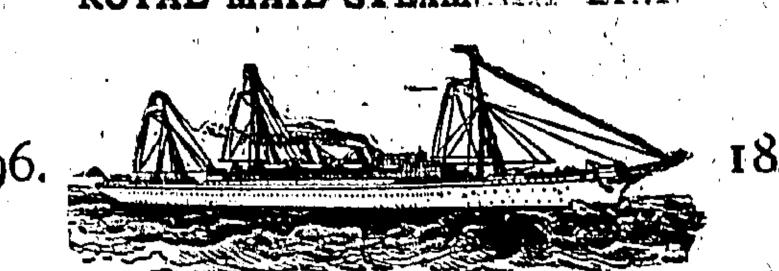
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Captain Alex. Gove, sailing at Noon, on TUES-DAY, the 29th December, will proceed to VICTORIA, (B.C.), and TACOMA, (Wash.), old SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOROHAMA. Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan,

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the Agency's Office until NCOM on MOMDAY, the No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$3.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet

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Hongkong, 9th December, 1896.

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